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SUBJECT: MEA PURCHASE OF TWO 707 AIRCRAFT FROM WESTERN AIRLINES

1. MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES (MEA) HAS ANNOUNCED CASH PURCHASE OF TWO 707-720B AIRCRAFT FROM WESTERN AIRLINES. PLANES DESCRIBED AS ABOUT 10 YEARS OLD WITH RELATIVELY LOW HOURS. PRICE WILL BE BASED ON MIDLIFE FIGURE OF 1.25 MILLION DOLLARS PER PLANE. DELIVERY OF ONE AIRCRAFT ANTICIPATED END OF OCTOBER 1977 WITH SECOND TO FOLLOW IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1978. DEAL INVOLVES NO CREDIT.

2. MEA INTENDS THESE PLANES TO FILL PARTIALLY THE GAP CREATED IN MEA FLEET BY LEASE OF TWO 747 JUMBOS TO SAUDI ARABIA. ADDRESSEES WILL RECALL MEA WAS RESTRICTED BY UK ON CAPACITY OF ITS 747'S FLYING LONDON-BEIRUT AND CONSEQUENTLY MADE DECISION TO LEASE THE PLANES RATHER THAN OPERATE THEM AT 180-SEAT CEILING. MEA EXPRESSES SATISFACTION WITH THE NEW ACQUISITIONS, BOTH OF WHICH IT SAYS ARE IN EXCELLENT SHAPE.
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